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SUBJECT 93RD EX/BD APPROVES CALL FOR EMERGENCY GEN CONF. (ITEM 7.2)

REF: STATE 183796; B) PARIS 24335

1. UNESCO'S 93RD EXBD ON SEPT 14 VOTED 34(US)-0-3(USSR, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA) TO CALL AN EMERGENCY GENERAL CONFERENCE IN PARIS FROM OCT 23-27 TO CONSIDER A SINGLE SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEM "CONSIDERATION OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE ORGANIZATION, CAUSE BY THE PREVAILING INFLATION AND DE-VALUATION OF THE CURRENCY OF ACCOUNT, AND MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN RESPECT THERETO."

2. ALTHOUGH SOVS AND EE'S NEVER INDICATED IT IN THEIR NUMEROUS INTERVENTIONS OPPOSING IMMEDIATE CONVENING OF EMERGENCY GEN CONF, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THEIR MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO AVOID THROUGH SUCH GEN CONF PROVIDING CHINESE WITH ANOTHER POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK SOVIET INCLUSION IN ASIAN REGION FOR PURPOSES OF INVITATIONS TO REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES CONVENED BY UNESCO. 17TH GC PRES HAGUIWARA STRESSED
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TO BOARD THAT UP UNITL ACTUAL CONVENING OF GEN CONF MEMBER

STATES COULD PROPOSE ADDITIONS TO AGENDA OF GEN CONF. HE ASKED THAT DG IN HIS LETTER OF INVITATION TO MEMBER STATES (TO BE POSTED SEPT 15-16) ANNOUNCING CONVENING OF GEN CONF RECOMMEND THAT MEMBER STATES ADD NO ITEMS TO AGENDA IN INTERESTS OF ECONOMY. FYI: IT IS EXPECTED GEN CONF WILL CONVENE AT 3P.M. TUESDAY OCT 25 AND CONCLUDE BY MIDDAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 27.

3. BOARD PASSED GC RESOLUTION, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOW BY SEPARATE TEL, AFTER HEARING DG MAHEU ON SEPT 12 OUTLINE FINANCIAL SITUATION (TEXT OF WHICH, 93 EX/INF 6), AIRPOUCHED SEPT 17), AND AFTER TWO DAYS DEBATE IN WHICH EVERY MEMBER OF BOARD, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF 17TH GC PARTICIPATED.

4. BOARD' F&A COMMISSION, CHAIRED BY WYNTER (JAMAICA) MET MORNING OF SEPT 13 TO VERIFY ACTUAL FIGURES CONTAINED IN 93 EX/15 PART I, REVISION 2, AND TO COME TO AGREEMENT THAT THESE FIGURES WERE IN FACT AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. AT CLOSE OF MORNING IN WHICH SERIES OF QUESTIONS WERE POSED NOTABLY BY UK, FRG, USSR MEMBERS, COMMISSION WAS SATISFIED WITH ANSWERS, EXPLANATIONS PROVIDED BY BUDGET DIRECTOR RAO PARTICULARLY AND VOTED TO APPROVE DOCUMENT AS STOOD AND TO SO REPORT TO PLENARY IN AFTERNOON. COMMISSION THEREFORE REPORTED (AS PER DOCUMENT 93 EX/15 PART I, REVISION 2), THAT NET DEVALUATION DEFICIT WAS \$15,852,100 LESS \$2,998,859 PROVISIONALLY APPROVED BY 92ND EXBD LEAVING UNCOVERED BALANCE OF \$12,853,250.

5. DURING COURSE OF PERIOD SEPT 12-14, GG HELD TWO MEETINGS AND DETERMINED TO ELIMINATE PARA 6 OF DG'S PROPOSED DR FROM ANY RESOLUTION APPROVED BY BOARD. THIS GOAL WAS ACHIEVED AND RESOLUTION APPROVED SEPT 14 CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO ANY DEFICIT FIGURE AND NO CONCLUSION AS TO WHAT POSITION BOARD SHOULD RECOMMEND GEN CONF TO TAKE TO MEED DEFICIT. BOARD'S POSITION RE MEANS OF MEETING DEFICIT REMAINS TO BE HAMMERED OUT DURING COURSE OF PLENARY DEBATE AND JOINT SESSIONS OF PX AND F&A COMMISSIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, REF A NOT RECEIVED UNTIL SEPT 15.

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6. AS MATTERS WERE LEFT SEPT 14, BOARD'S CALENDAR WILL BE REVISED BY BOARD'S BUREAU ON SEPT 17 OT PERMIT MEMBERS TIME TO CONSULT AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS ABOUT FINANCIAL ISSUES WHICH MUST BE SETTLED BEFORE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO EMERGENCY GEN CONF CAN BE FORMULATED. PERM DEL WILL REPORT CHANGES IN CALENDAR AS ANNOUNCED.

7. MAJORITY OF BOARD MEMBERS SPEAKING DURING SEPT 12-14

DEBATE OPPOSED PROGRAM CUTS BUT GG MEMBERS AND INDIAN
MEMBER STRONGLY URGED FURTHER ECONOMIES TO MEET DEFICIT. GC
HIMSELF WAS NOT OPPOSED TO EMERGENCY GEN CONF VOTING
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE IN TWO PARTS -- ONE PART TO BE
APPROVED IMMEDIATELY; SECOND PART TO BE APPROVED BY
SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF EXBD AS NEED DEMONSTRATED. THERE
WAS NO MENTION BY ANY MEMBER OF TIMING OF ASSESSMENT TO
PAY SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE NOR OF GRANTING BORROWING
AUTHORITY TO DG TO MEET ANY TREASURY DEFICIT RESULTING
FROM DELAYS IN PAYMENTS OF ASSESSMENTS.
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